

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A hair care device including hair combing means with having a plurality of combing teeth arranged into a plurality of parallel comb rows which are relatively movable, a movement mechanism for adjusting relatively moving said comb rows whereby the effective teeth spacing between adjacent comb teeth on adjacent comb rows is adjustable, said movement mechanism including a driving member for causing change in hair engaging tension by varying the effective teeth spacing between said adjacent combing teeth, and a holding mechanism, mechanism; wherein said hair combing means includes a plurality of movable combing teeth, and at least some of said movable combing teeth are thermally conductive so that heat can be conducted from said combing means comb rows to a user's hair being styled during use when hair is being engaged under tension by said combing means comb rows, and wherein said holding mechanism maintains is arranged to maintain said movable combining teeth comb rows at a user selectable position corresponding to one of a plurality of discrete positions during use, and each one of said discrete positions corresponds to a pre-determined effective teeth spacing, and wherein said driving member comprises a push-tab member and at least some of the comb teeth on said comb rows are adapted so that the effective teeth spacing of said comb rows is adjustable by relative movements between said comb rows, wherein movement of said push-tab member brings about

movement of said plurality of movable teeth whereby the effective teeth spacing of said comb rows is changed.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim-2_1, wherein said hair-combing means comprises comb rows comprise a first comb row and a second comb row each having a plurality of comb teeth, and said first and said second comb rows being relatively movable so that the effective teeth spacing transversely across said ~~combing means~~ comb rows are variable by relative movement of said first and said second comb rows, wherein, at least some of said comb teeth ~~being~~ are thermally conductive so that, when hair is engaged under tension by said comb assembly, heat can be transmitted to said hair via said thermally conductive comb teeth, and said holding means comprises an arrangement of a plurality of indentations and a stud for engaging with one of said plurality of indentations, and cooperative engagement between said stud and one of said indentations defines a pre-determined effective teeth spacing.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A hair care device according to Claim 1, wherein the width of said some of said comb teeth is comparable to their teeth spacing, and wherein said movement mechanism comprises a means for maintaining said movable combing teeth at predetermined positions, and said pre-determined positions correspond to discrete settings of different effective teeth spacing of said device.

6. (Original) A hair care device according to Claim 1, wherein the width of said some of said comb teeth is comparable to the teeth spacing between correspondingly adjacent comb teeth, said movement mechanism comprises means for maintaining said movable combing teeth at predetermined positions, and said pre-determined positions correspond to discrete settings of effective teeth spacing of said device.

7. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 1 and including heating means, wherein said heating means ~~being~~ are disposed so that heat generated by said heating means can be transferred from said heating means to the hair via said combing means.

8. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim 1, wherein said combing means includes ~~a first combing means~~ comb row and ~~a second combing means~~ comb row which are relatively movable, and said device is a hair styling attachment with ~~the~~ a housing comprising an attachment mechanism for coupling to the nozzle of a hair blower.

9. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 8 and including a main housing, wherein said first ~~combing means~~ being comb row is movable relative to said main housing, ~~said first combing means includes a first comb row, said second combing means includes second and third combs and further including a third comb row,~~ said first, second and third comb rows being generally parallel and said first comb row being intermediate of said second and third comb rows, wherein

the effective combing teeth spacing of said combing means transverse to said comb rows ~~being~~ is adjustable by relative movements of said first, second and third comb rows.

10. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9, wherein said second and third ~~combing~~ comb rows ~~being~~ are generally thermally conductive.

11. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9, wherein said second ~~combing~~ ~~means~~ including comb row includes metallic combing teeth extending from a metallic base.

12. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9, wherein each of said first, second and third comb rows ~~including~~ includes a plurality of generally parallel combing teeth, wherein the teeth of said comb rows ~~being~~ are adapted so that the effective teeth spacing across said combing means ~~being~~ adjustably is ~~adjustable~~ by relative movements of said comb rows.

13. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9 and including a handle, said first and second ~~combing~~ ~~means~~ comb rows being respectively movable and stationary relative to said handle, the width of the teeth on said first ~~combing~~ ~~means~~ comb row being comparable to the teeth spacing between corresponding adjacent teeth or teeth pairs on said second ~~combing~~ ~~means~~ comb row so that the effective spacing across said ~~combing~~ ~~means~~ ~~being~~ comb rows is adjustable by movement of said first ~~combing~~ ~~means~~ comb row.

14. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 13, wherein at least some of the teeth on said second ~~combing means~~ comb row are thermally conductive so that when hair is engaged by said ~~comb assembly~~ combing means, heat can be transmitted to said hair via said thermally conductive teeth.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim 8, wherein said first and second ~~combing means~~ being comb rows are relatively translatable along a first orientation direction, said combing teeth being generally elongated and extending along a second orientation direction, wherein relative translation between said first and second ~~combing means~~ comb rows along said first direction will cause said elongated teeth on one ~~combing means~~ comb row to traverse the spacing between adjacent teeth pairs on the other ~~combing means~~ comb row to vary the effective teeth spacing of said device, said ~~means for adjusting said effective teeth spacing~~ movement mechanism controls the relative translation between said first and second ~~combing means~~ comb rows.

18. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A hair care device according to claim 8, wherein said first and said second directions are substantially orthogonal.

22. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to claim 17, wherein said movement mechanism is adapted for gradually translating one of said ~~combing means~~ comb rows.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to claim 22, wherein said ~~teeth spacing adjusting means further include~~ holding mechanism includes means to maintain said one of said ~~combing means~~ comb rows at pre-determined positions along said first direction.

25. (Original) A hair care device according to claim 22 24, wherein said pre-determined positions correspond to discrete settings of the effective teeth spacing of said device.

26. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to claim 8, wherein the teeth spacings on said first and second ~~combing means being~~ comb rows are generally equal.

27. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according claim 8, wherein said ~~main~~ housing includes a hollow member with an air-inlet, an air-outlet, and a neck portion interconnecting said air-inlet and said air-outlet, said comb members being disposed at said air-outlet with said teeth pointing away from said air-outlet.

28. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to claim 27, wherein said main housing includes means for coupling to the nozzle of a hair care apparatus with a blower.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) A hair care apparatus including an air blower and a hair care device having hair combing means with a plurality of movable combing teeth arranged on a plurality of comb rows, a movement mechanism for adjusting effective teeth spacing between adjacent combing teeth, and a holding mechanism, wherein at least some of said combing teeth are thermally conductive so that heat can be conducted from said combing means comb rows to a user's hair via said thermally conductive combing teeth when said hair is being engaged under tension by said combing teeth, wherein said holding mechanism maintains said movable combining teeth at a user selectable position corresponding to one of a plurality of discrete positions during use, and each one of said discrete positions corresponds to a pre-determined effective teeth spacing, wherein said movement mechanism comprises a driving member which is arranged to cause change in hair engaging tension by varying the effective teeth spacing between said adjacent combing teeth, and wherein said driving member comprises a push-tab member and at least some of the comb teeth on said comb rows are adapted so that the effective teeth spacing of said combing rows is adjustable by relative movements between said comb rows, wherein movement of said push-tab member brings about movement of said plurality of movable teeth whereby the effective teeth spacing of said comb rows is changed.

31. – 35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) A hair care device including hair combing means with a plurality of combing teeth arranged on a plurality of comb rows, a movement mechanism for adjusting effective teeth spacing between adjacent combing teeth, and a holding mechanism, wherein said hair-combing means comb rows includes a plurality of movable combing teeth, and at least some of said movable combing teeth are thermally conductive so that heat can be conducted from said-combing means comb rows to a user's hair being styled during use when hair is being engaged under tension by said-combing means comb rows, and wherein said holding mechanism maintains said movable combining teeth at a user selectable position corresponding to one of at least three discrete positions during use, and each one of said discrete positions corresponds to a pre-determined effective teeth spacing, wherein said movement mechanism comprises a driving member which is arranged to cause change in hair engaging tension by varying the effective teeth spacing between said adjacent combing teeth, and wherein said driving member comprises a push-tab member and at least some of the comb teeth on said comb rows are adapted so that the effective teeth spacing of said combing rows is adjustable by relative movements between said comb rows, wherein movement of said push-tab member brings about movement of said plurality of movable teeth whereby the effective teeth spacing of said comb rows is changed.